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COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DUE TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 23 (Bernama) -- Colombian Foreign Minister Dr Maria Emma Mejia Velez will be making a four-day official visit to Malaysia starting tomorrow to further enhance relations between the two countries.

She will be accompanied by senior officials of the Colombian Foreign Ministry and the Colombian Export Promotion Board, a Foreign Ministry statement here says.

The visit, her first to Malaysia, is at the invitation of her Malaysian counterpart, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Dr Velez is expected to call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and hold talks with Abdullah and Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik.

She is also expected to brief members of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia on trade and investment prospects in Colombia.

Dr Velez is on a regional tour of selected Asian countries. -- BERNAMA
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